



## Belt Buckle - Worn At The Court Of Surakarta - Indonesia - 18th Century

450 EUR



Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Wrought iron

Length : 7

Width : 7

### Description

Rare Belt Buckle worn at the court of Surakarta in the 18th century. This is a magnificent belt buckle of iron and gilt copper, fashioned in the form of intertwined serpents, known as Timang ular-ular (ular meaning "serpent" and timang "buckle"). The gilt copper inlay, called *suasa*, is a popular metalworking technique in Indonesia. It imparts a golden sheen that highlights the shapes and eyes of the serpents. The buckles are elongated, with two intertwined serpents forming the frame; their tails curl around each other's necks. A central bar with a hinged prong is also formed by two serpents. Southeast Asia, Indonesia, Java, Surakarta, 18th century. 7x7cm  
The intertwined serpent was a popular fertility symbol associated with the goddess Dewi Sri (also called Nyi Pohaci), who represented

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prosperity, particularly through agricultural success. The rice field snake symbolized both the goddess and the fields she protected. Viewed with respect and veneration, snakes were so revered that a snake entering a home was often seen as a welcome guest and an omen of a good harvest.